

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**INFORMATION CARRIER OF A CHROMATOGRAPHIC COLUMN**

the specification of which

(Check one) ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>1016403</u> (Number)	<u>Netherlands</u> (Country)	<u>13 October 2000</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	
<u>                    </u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
<u>                    </u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>                    </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>                                    </u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>                                    </u> (Filing Date)
<u>                                    </u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>                                    </u> (Filing Date)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the application:

<u>                                    </u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>                                    </u> (Filing Date)	<u>                                    </u> (Status-patented, pending, abandoned)
<u>                                    </u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>                                    </u> (Filing Date)	<u>                                    </u> (Status-patented, pending, abandoned)

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office contacted therewith:

Hunter L. Auyang #33,224, Bella Fishman #37,485, Edward H. Berkowitz #27,771

Address all telephone calls to Bella Fishman at telephone no. (650) 424-5086

Address all correspondence to:

VARIAN, INC.  
Legal Department  
3120 Hansen Way, M/S D-102  
Palo Alto, California 94304

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Sole or First Inventors: Menno Heringa	
Inventors Signature:  <div>Signature Date</div>	
Residence: Van Citterstraat 74, Middelburg, the Netherlands 433KZ	
Citizenship: Dutch	
Post Office Address: Same as residence address	

Full Name of Joint Inventors, if any: Jacobus Duvekot	
Inventors Signature:  <div>Signature Date</div>	
Residence: Pr. Willem Alexanderiann 7, Vrouwenpolder, the Netherlands 4354 BM	
Citizenship: Dutch	
Post Office Address: Same as residence address	